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REMARKS

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowability. The Reasons for Allowance set forth characterizations of the applied art with respect to the claimed invention. Applicant does not necessarily admit to the characterizations set forth in the Reasons for Allowance.

Further, for the purpose of clarity and accuracy, Applicant submits that the prior art does not disclose or suggest each and every feature set forth in each of the allowed claims.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause

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substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application."

Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated January 17, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,



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